

IF WHAT I heard over the radio and read in the newspapers this morning is the best Harry Truman's administration can do about wage & price control it would have been better to have said nothing at all.

It sounds like a "freeze" on wages without equivalent action on prices — which would mean the edict is a dead-letter even before it hits the mails.

True, there is some stipulation as to price control, but food as a whole is virtually exempt, because so many farm products are selling below parity — and even if food were wholly covered there still remains this glaring injustice: It is sought to peg wages at the January 1951 level without any attempt to roll back all prices that have spiraled upward in the last six months — although it is an indisputable fact that in an improving economy wages lag behind prices that long or longer.

If the administration wasn't prepared to establish a "freeze" on wages and prices alike at the level of June 1, 1950, before the Korean fighting upset our uneasy peace, then there was no cause to act now at all.

Better no law than one which invites non-cooperation in every office, plant and court in all the land. What came out of Washington last night is the latest nightmare of politicians who specialize in cheapening the purchasing power of the American dollar, who invite inflation by its first name, who proclaim the coming of "controls" in every newspaper and on every radio station for months — and then when the situation they have created is at its very worst, they publish an edict to make misery perpetual. How much bungling can even the greatest nation stand?

New Orleans Gamblers Won't Talk

New Orleans, Jan. 27 — (AP) — New Orleans vice and gambling lords refused to answer more questions than the hoodlums of all other cities investigated, Sen. Estes Kefauver says.

The chairman of the senate crime investigating committee made that dry observation at end of a two-day probe here.

Before ending the second 16-hour session last night, Kefauver promised some of the witnesses who came up on his questioning he would seek a contempt citation for their refusals.

By name he called Carlos Marcello, Crete, La., — based vice lord and associate of Frank Costello. "Dandy" Phil Kastel, controlling owner of the Beverly Country club in which Costello and Marcello have part ownership, and J. J. Fogarty, balding boss of New Orleans' only racing wire service, as three he would recommend the whole committee cite for contempt. There will be others, the senator said.

The U. S. district courtroom, where the hearing was conducted, was filled with lawyers, witnesses and spectators as Kefauver made his summing — statement.

"It should be noted here we've had more refusals to answer questions in New Orleans than all of the other hearings together," he said.

"We also have some very arrogant refusals to give testimony from nationally important criminals like Carlos Marcello," Kefauver added. Earlier he called Marcello "one of the principal criminals of the United States."

Principal witnesses and highlights of testimony included:

Phil Kastel — who revealed a long association with Frank Costello and linked the New York gambler with New Orleans gambling through Costello's 20 per cent interest in the plush Beverly Country club, an expensive casino.

Mrs. Viola Grosch — former wife of the Orleans Parish (county) Criminal Sheriff John Grosch who said he had \$150,000 cash in an attic strong box in 1940, accumulated during a six-year period while he was a modestly paid city detective. Her testimony conflicted with Grosch's and Kefauver said openly "I believe he was telling the truth."

Testifying previously, Grosch denied having a strong box at his house in 1940.

James I. McCain — New Orleans lawyer who testified that the supreme court of Louisiana reversed itself in padlock suits against big Jefferson parish casinos. He said the supreme court allowed a district court to override its mandate.

Albert Graves to Teach Century Class, 1st M. E.

All members of the Century Bible Class of First Methodist are urged to be present Sunday morning, by 9:30 for the fellowship period, then hear Albert Graves teach the class at 10 o'clock.

U. S. Bureau of Mines has been promoting mine safety and health since 1910.

U. S. Stands Pat for Vote Branding China

Lake Success, Jan. 27 — (AP) — The United States stood pat today on its demand for a quick United Nations vote condemning Communist Chinese aggression in Korea, despite a bewildering welter of new "peace plans."

Backed publicly by President Truman and both the house and senate, the U. S. delegation said it would oppose any substantial changes in its resolution which, as now constituted, tags Red China an aggressor; asks the U. N. collective measures committee to consider the next step; and creates a three-man commission to seek ways of ending the Korean fighting and achieving U. N. aims in that country by peaceful means.

Both Canada and Israel offered new ideas yesterday designed to bridge the gap between this view and a 12-nation Arab-Asian plan for a seven-nation conference, including Red China, to work out a cease-fire and decide other Asian problems.

These are expected to be the subject of debate in the 60-nation political committee today if nothing else, this debate will delay any vote until after the weekend.

Sponsors of the Arab-Asian plan held private consultations last evening and this morning to work out a way of adopting at least some of the proposals as formal amendments to their own resolution.

Canada's external affairs minister, Lester B. Pearson, made six suggestions for a compromise. These were:

1. A conference at either New Delhi or Lake Success within seven days. The United States, Britain, France, Red China, Russia, India and Egypt would be represented.

2. Immediate reference to a group composed of the U. S., Red China and the U. N. Korean commission of the task of arranging a cease-fire.

3. When these arrangements are completed, the 7-nation group would consider a peaceful solution of Korean problems including the withdrawal of foreign troops.

4. The group would then proceed to a discussion of other far eastern problems.

5. During these discussions other governments would be invited to take part in those sections directly concerning them.

6. The invitation should be transmitted to Peking and an answer requested within 48 hours.

Hope Auto Co. Wins Highest Ford Award

Thomas F. McLarty, vice-president and general manager of the Hope Auto Company, was presented with the annual Ford Motor Company Four Letter Award Thursday, January 25, at a special meeting at the Barlow Hotel. The award was presented to Mr. McLarty by J. W. Cooper, assistant district sales manager, Ford Motor Company, Memphis.

The Four Letter Award originated in 1948 and is the highest award given by the Ford Motor Company. Forty-two Ford dealers received the award in 1948, 32 in 1949, and 26 in 1950. Mr. McLarty is one of the 15 dealers to receive the award each year.

Before the award is given to a dealer it must be approved by zone men in Memphis, the regional office in Kansas City, and final approval must be expressed by the Ford Motor Company, Detroit.

The plaque presented to the local company is as follows:

"This is to certify that for the year 1950 the Hope Auto Company has qualified as a Four Letter Dealer of the Ford Division, Ford Motor Company."

Finances — sound, Management — efficient, Spirit — always competitive, Facilities — completely modern.

The award is signed by I. B. Groves, regional manager, Kansas City; A. E. Kelmmedson, district manager, Memphis; L. W. Smead, general sales manager, Detroit; and L. Crusoe, vice-president and general manager, Detroit.

Those attending the meeting Thursday from the Ford Motor Company, Memphis, were J. W. Cooper, assistant district sales manager; W. E. Corbett, zone man; J. L. Gordon, new and used car department; W. H. Dunstan, III, manager of business administration department; and W. Y. McCaslin, manager of truck and fleet sales department.

Local persons attending were O. A. Graves, C. C. Sprengins, Dale Jones, R. M. LaGrone, J. R. Albert Graves, Jess Davis, Kelly Bryant, Thomas McLarty, Charles Harrell, M. N. Yocom, S. A. Hutson, W. Tate, Willie Fugitt, Sam Cook and Joe Britt.



COOK'S ESCAPADES "EXCITED" HIM — Lloyd Hershel Pierce, 16, who said accounts of the recent mass murders of badman Billy Cook, excited him, has confessed to the "trekking chair murder" of 72-year-old Mrs. Missouri Coleman as she sat calmly rocking at her farm home near New Boston, (NEA Telephoto)

Vance Marcum Assistant Defense Director of County

Judge C. Cook has appointed Vance Marcum of the state highway department as a personal representative to work with Donald Dill, Hope civil defense director, to set up a unified defense program for Hope and Hempstead County.

Judge Cook attended the civil defense meeting held in Little Rock last week and has pledged his full cooperation with the local civil defense set-up.

Dill has officially been appointed as civil defense director of the county. Other appointments will be made at the basis plan meeting to be held next week.

Fugitives From Industrial School Picked Up Here

State Police Sergeant Milton Mosier picked up two escapees from the Louisiana Boys Industrial school last night on Highway 67, near Hope.

The hitchhiking youths were listed as James Simons, 16, and Thomas Kelley, 17, both of Cullen, La. They escaped this week from the industrial school at Monroe, La.

They are being held here pending arrival of Louisiana officers.

Ordnance Groups Not Usually Expected to Deal in Valor — But in Korea They Do

By JOHN RANDOLPH (For Hal Boyle)

U. S. Eighth Army Headquarters Korea — (AP) — If you're not an old army hand, you might be surprised about some of the bronze star medals awarded in the Korean war.

These particular medals have to do with non-commissioned officers in an ordnance medium maintenance company.

Ordnance companies like that are not usually expected to deal in valor. Their job is to stay safely and efficiently in the back areas, repairing army equipment from wrist watches to 10-ton trucks. The only guns they usually handle are the ones they are fixing.

But that was before Korea. The 38th ordnance company goes around with rusting bullet holes in its shop trucks, two decorated GIs, and a battle story worth telling.

It happened early in the morning of Sept. 20, when U. N. forces were sweeping out from the old Pusan perimeter to drive north and join the landing force from Inchon and take Seoul.

Everything was rush, rush, rush. An ordnance company usually had from 20 to 50 crippled jeeps and trucks on hand, all kinds of broken down equipment to service, and great masses of its own shop equipment to move.

While the mobile combat troops swept north, the 38th started frantic packing to get into the parade up the main road next day.

It was located along the banks of a river near Chongdo on the old Pusan perimeter. Ridges rose slopes.

It was 2 a. m. and most of the men were getting their last sleep before their move north.

Suddenly there was a blast of rifle and machinegun fire from the ridge and grenades crashed among the parked trucks. One hit the truck that carried the acetylene gas for welding.

"Then they tossed in a fire grenade and it went up like the Fourth of July — that gas lit up the camp like high noon — I'm sure they must have had us spotted for they knew exactly what and where to hit to get light to shoot by," said Lt. William Harris, of Omaha.

A bypassed pocket of North Koreans had worked back, marked down the unsuspecting ordnance company and, while the main U. N. force rolled on, attacked with little fear of quickly retaliation.

The ordnance men, about 150 of them, were pinned down. A move was a signal for a burst of fire. The situation was bad and getting worse.

Then Cpl. Eugene McCracken — now Sergeant McCracken — of (route one) Farnon, Mo., jumped up and ran. He made for one of the Continued on Page Two

Mundt Wants 5 Per Centers Watched

Washington Jan. 27 — (AP) — Senator Mundt (R-S.D.) today backed a Democrat's proposal that the senate five percent inquiry be reported to determine whether "influence peddlers" are getting a cut from rich defense contractors.

"In fact," said Mundt, "the investigation ought to be somewhat broader. We ought to find out just how these defense billions are being parceled out. We ought to know exactly how the government is operating this vast program."

The suggestion to reopen the sensational five percent inquiry of 1949 came from Senator Hoey (D-S.C.), chairman of the senate expenditures subcommittee, which conducted the original investigation.

The purpose then was to discover whether improper influence had figured in the awarding of government contracts. Hoey's committee decided that it had.

The inquiry centered around the operations of men who collect a fee for help in getting contracts for others. Because the commission often amounted to five percent of the contract value, the collectors became known as five percenters.

There is nothing illegal about such fees. The committee felt, however, there was no legitimate place in the picture for any commission man who traded on influence with federal officials to obtain contracts.

The inquiry two years ago put some high administration officials prominently in the headlines. It brought out, for example, that President Truman's army aide, Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan accepted seven home freezers as gifts from a company official who had dealings with the government through an intermediary.

Vaughan, who was reprimanded by the committee for that, declared he did nothing wrong — and that he was not influenced.

The investigation also brought about the conviction on a perjury count of John F. Mara who once had a White House pass. Another result was the retirement of an army major general who figured in the headline of some of the contracts investigated.

U. S. Columns Push Within 2 Miles of Seoul

Tokyo, Jan. 27 — (AP) — A steel-tipped column of two tight-knitted U. S. corps thrust south within 13 miles of Seoul.

A U. S. Eighth Army spokesman called the advance along a 40-mile front across ankle-deep snow a limited offensive.

Already nearly 700 Reds have been slain in two sharp engagements, some with bayonets and rifle butts used as clubs by the United Nations infantrymen. Most of the attackers were Americans.

It was the first real Allied push since Chinese Reds jumped into the war late in November and reversed General MacArthur's end-of-the-war campaign into a long retreat.

Bombarding warships, convoy-blasting planes and heavy concentrations of tanks and artillery aided the advance along a line extending eastward from Suwon through Kunyangjang, Icheon and Yoji.

One Allied force driving north reached a hill beyond Suwon and within 13 miles of Seoul, the burned-out South Korean capital which the Reds took Jan. 4.

The tank-led drive, which jumped off under the eyes of the U. S. Eighth Army commander, Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, flushed out Chinese and Korean Reds in areas where it was thought they had pulled back.

U. N. forces ran into heavy enemy resistance around Kunyangjang and near Icheon, two of four towns occupied in the first two days of the operation. The others were Suwon and Osan.

Both Kunyangjang and Icheon are in rugged hill country which affords the Reds good defense positions.

Elements of Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn's First Corps and Maj. Gen. John B. Coulter's Ninth Corps speared the northward drive. Chinese from three divisions of the Reds' 50th Army (Corps) were encountered in the Kunyangjang-Icheon area, from 11 to 24 miles east of Suwon.

Friday, Allied soldiers made the bayonet charge of the Korean war, storming up hill 150 five miles south of the air base town Suwon.

When they finished taking the hill, they counted nearly 500 bodies of Reds sprawled in ankle-deep snow — victims of the flashing bayonets, planes and artillery. Sixty Red defenders of the hill were taken prisoners.

Bugle-blowing Reds were repulsed Friday night six miles west of Suwon. Inside the war-wrecked town, Red infiltrators a t i a k e d with bulky guns and small arms but were driven out.

Another 200 Reds were slain in the Allied occupation of Kunyangjang, 11 miles southeast of Suwon. Navy Corsair planes helped the attackers put down stiff resistance from ground-hurling Communists.

Prices, Wages Frozen to Jan. 25 Levels

Judge Pilkinton to Hold Court in Prescott Monday

Nevada Chancery Court will go in session at Prescott Monday, January 29th, with Judge James H. Pilkinton of Hope presiding.

No Agreements Planned in French Talks

Washington, Jan. 27 — (AP) — Secretary of State Acheson has assured congress that American-French talks starting here Monday won't be for the purpose of entering into any formal agreements.

Senator Connally (D-Tex.) said Acheson made that point clear in a statement yesterday to the senate foreign relations committee. A similar statement was given to the house foreign affairs committee.

Acheson went to Capitol Hill to "brief" the committee in members on the two-day conversations which President Truman and other top U. S. officials will have with Premier Plevien of France.

Connally, who is chairman of the senate group, indicated that Plevien will be told America wants France to build up her defenses quickly and will stress that U. S. aid will depend a lot on how and when that is done.

"The secretary and members of the committee agree that it is important that France as well as the United States and the other members of the North Atlantic treaty organization should not more rapidly run over to the other side of the military balance."

Connally told a news conference. The French, in turn, are expected to want to discuss U. S. military and economic aid, as well as France's position in the tense political situation in the Far East arising out of the Korean and Indo-China Communist fighting.

Senator J. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.) told reporters he is concerned about the Communists in the French general assembly. He said their numbers there indicates representation of 30 per cent of the population. He wants to know what effect this may have on French participation in Western European defense measures, he said.

Smith also disclosed that he and other lawmakers, whom he did not identify, are considering sidetracking, for the time being at least, a request by India for 2,000,000 tons of U. S. wheat to help meet a famine threat.

There will be a meeting of all home demonstration club presidents and vice-presidents Tuesday morning, January 30, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hempstead county court house for the purpose of organizing membership drive campaign.

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Three Grass Fires Extinguished by Fire Department

The Fire Department reported three grass fires inside the city limits yesterday, none resulting in any serious damage. The fires were west on 67, at Fair Park and at Hazel and Avenue B.

Womanless Wed'n'g Nets \$150 for March of Dimes

Hope's VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries with some residents aid from their respective spouses, put on one of the season's outstanding social events with a womanless wedding at the Club Hotel last night. The event netted \$150 for the March of Dimes.

Mothers to March on Polio Monday Night

What promises to be one of the outstanding money raising events of this years March of Dimes Drive will take place Monday night January 29, when a group of Hope mothers and March of Dimes workers will call on any home between the hours of 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. where the proclivity is on to collect that families contribution to the March of Dimes.

So far, this years March of Dimes money has been coming in slow, campaign director Eddie Holland said today. The goal of \$5,000 is nowhere in sight. If we are to continue the splendid work done by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis every one in Hempstead County must give the most they can to aid our stricken children.

Local Officer, Wounded in Korea, Is Awarded

A Hope officer wounded in action in the Korean fighting has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, his family was notified here today.

He is 2nd Lt. James M. Downs, 24th Infantry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Downs of Hope. Lt. Downs was commissioned on the battlefield last year. A veteran army man he has been in the service since 1937.

At present Lt. Downs is stationed at Ft. Riley, Kan.

The U. S. Bureau of Mines says 202 mining operations out of 644 engaged in 1950 competition achieved perfect safety records.

WEATHER FORECAST
Arkansas: Cold wave enters state over north today, spreading over state tonight. Lowest temperatures 0-15, north, 15-25, in south tonight. Snow flurries tonight, cleared, by scattered showers today, Sunday, cloudy, cold.

Washington, Jan. 27 — (AP) — The government ordered a long-expected temporary freeze of prices and wages last night and then turned today to the mountainous task of making the controls work.

The office of price stabilization (OPS), headed by Michael V. Sallie, flashed an S. O. S. to the FBI and other bureaus for help in enforcement.

President Truman ordered all federal agencies to pitch in against the freeze.

One official said the OPS plan a "ruthless enforcement effort" to the outset.

Oddly, at the same time, OPS enforcement chief's aid resigned. He is Rear Admiral John H. Hoover, retired naval officer. His reason for quitting was unclear, and repeated phone calls to his home got no answer. Another official somewhat hesitantly quoted Hoover as saying he had completed his job of setting up the enforcement organization.

The win freezes were welcomed by many men in congress and business-but labor leaders raised big protest over the wage freeze. They want flexible controls that permit lagging wages to catch up.

The wage stabilization board (WSB), which didn't order the freeze and took no responsibility for it, renewed its work today for a flexible formula to replace the freeze.

In a dramatic and turbulent session, newly exhausted officials gave out the news of the freeze placement. The process lasted 8 p.m. until nearly 1 o'clock the morning.

The price freeze does not apply to all prices. A long list of items including many foods will have leeway to rise.

But most prices were frozen at the highest level of the period, Dec. 10 through Jan. 25. The freeze yesterday, since it was a new period, the general price freeze Jan. 25 prices.

Wages and salaries were also frozen as of Jan. 25 and no exceptions were listed in the order.

Thus, the wage board was under a pressure to speed up its work. Officials believe that the wage board completely froze the wage policy, the better chance keeping labor-management relations.

Both Chairman Cyrus S. C. told reporters, "now we'll be on to act as quickly as possible."

Ching announced the wage freeze to the press but he was careful to point out that it was signed by economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston, who had him the order just before the announcement.

Johnston's economic stabilizing agency ESA and they are not to his policy decisions.

The price freeze is only a gap, too, and will melt gradually away as soon as supplies can be prepared for various types of goods.

Patmos Students Announce Winner in School Contest

Palm High school held annual Who's Who contest with the following results:

Best girl and queen: Patricia Kline; Most handsome: Dale Hubbard; Best athlete: Dale Hubbard; Best all-around: Dale Hubbard; Most popular: Dale Hubbard; Most popular boy: Dale Hubbard; Most popular girl: Dale Hubbard; Most popular boy: Dale Hubbard; Most popular girl: Dale Hubbard; Most popular boy: Dale Hubbard; Most popular girl: Dale Hubbard.

C. A. Ambrose Passes State Bar Examination

C. A. Ambrose, 31, of Hope, passed the state bar examination at Little Rock, Ark., on Jan. 25.

He is the first person from Hope to pass the exam since 1920. He will be admitted to the bar in March.



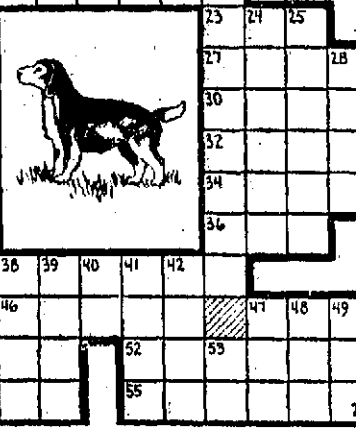
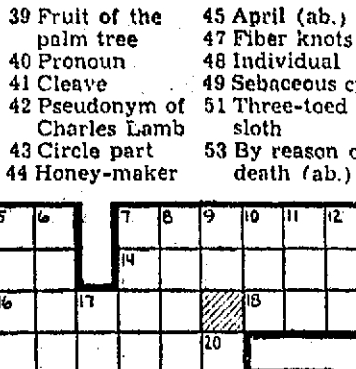
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VERTICAL

1 Greek letter
2 Affirmative
3 Male sheep
4 Merindin dye
5 Simple
6 Paradise
7 Bird's crop
8 French measure
9 Nova Scotia (ab.)
10 Follower
11 Novel
12 Dutch city
17 From
19 Turncoat
20 Faults
21 Lounged
22 Spanish tree
24 Bullfighter
25 Straightened
26 Final
28 Son of Seth
38 Promontory



OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Hoople



FUNNY BUSINESS

By Hershberger



CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"He says he ain't spillin' a word of his story till we bring in a reputable literary agent!"

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Senator Smelt feels that what this country needs
another Winston Churchill!"

VIC FLINT

By Michael O'Malley and Ralph Lane



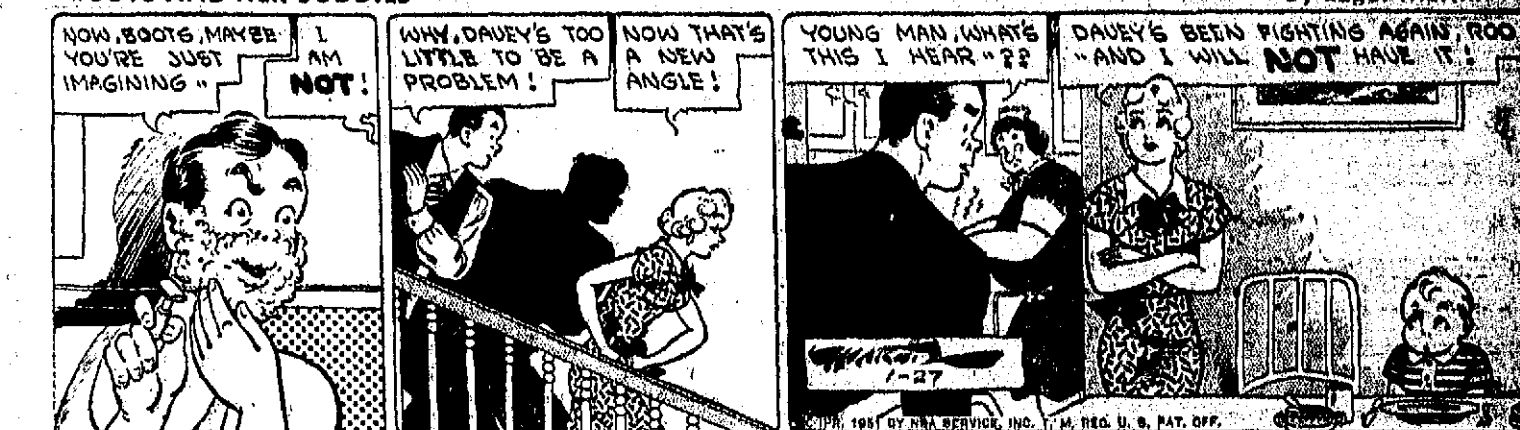
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McKEE HAVE A VISITOR, BASH. ALL DAW PEOPLE
DROO EEN OR PHOONS TO EXPRESS A SHUNTING
OVER HEEBS BAD LUCK, WIZ ZIE ARMS!

AFRAID I HAVE
BAD NEWS
FOR HAVY
CIRO!

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

By Edgar Morfin



BUGS BUNNY



ALLEY OOP

LUKKA WHOP TING

NUTS TO TH' "WHOP TING" / SCHOOL'S OUT TILL YA PROVE OOOOOL IS ALL RIGHT!

HOLD IT, OOP...LOOK AT THAT SCREEN!

HOLD IT, OOP...LOOK AT THAT SCREEN!

PRISCILLA'S POP

BY Al Young



HENRY

